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b. About three years ago I took a trip South. I was very young then, and I got all excited about going on this long trip. Gee, but the night before I made my departure I really couldn't sleep a bit. This trip was made with a friend of my family from Jersy. I visited Penn School in South Carolina, this is one of the leading industrial high school in South Carolina. There I saw Negro children learning brick laying, carpentry, plastering, and black smithing, wheeling wrighting, Girls were learning domestic training. I believe that this institution prepares one to enter any worthy occupation of today. I went to South Carolina State College, there I saw some of the former students of Penn high school at State broading their knowledge on fitting themselves for this social redeem. I believe that the living conditions for most of the Negroes in S. C. below par. There were a few well to-do homes. From S. C. I went on down to Georgia, I noticed that the conditions of the Negro farmer to be a very grave situation, most of them were tenants which is just a step higher than slavery. Here they were supposed to have been working for another farmer that happens to be the owner of the farm. At the end of the year they would always owe the owner something which would keep them indebted to them. I went to Florida and there I visited Florida A & M College where the Negroes learn agriculture and mechanics. I saw some of their crops and also observed them at work at the trades. I spent about eight days in this section each one filled with excitement and enjoyment.

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My mother and father carried me to a Fair once in Richmond. On our arrival we purchased tickets then the first thing I saw was what I wanted, which was one of those big ice cream cones, after a little persuasion I was allowed to have one. After this we started out to seeing the sights. After walking for about three hours from one place to another we decided to call it a day. We drove to Slaughters for supper and then started on our trip back home. Being quite young I fell asleep on the way, and while still dreaming of the incidents of the day I was aroused from my slumber and told that we were home. The next day I spent most of the time boreing my young friends about what I had seen at the Fair. They seemed to be so interested that they asked their parents to be sure to take then the next time.

One hot summer day in July I was invited by the Tennis Club in Hampton to attend a picnic in Poquoson. About thirty auto loads of people went the spot was on a little shady beach near a farm. ~~During~~ Besides eating all we could of watermelon, ice cream, cake, chicken, etc. we played games such as baseball, lawn tennis and croquet. When we grew tired we gathered in small groups under a shade tree and told jokes. As the sun was sinking low, we got under way for home. To my surprise when I got home , I found that I had left my new straw hat under one of the trees. I made my complaint to the president of the ~~of~~ club. He immediately satisfied me by saying that he would call the nearest store and notify them that I had left my hat there. Two days later I received my hat.

One summer I made it ferm that I was going to learn how to swim. I felt as if that I was too old to be living on the coast to be one who was a non-swimmer. Before I went very far in the water I got one of the men to show me the different strokes on shore. Feeling very confident that now I could swim, I went out in about five feet of water and decided to try them. I found that I could do very well and I have been swimming ever since.

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I found all of my school life to be enjoyable. I finished grammar school and entered high school at Phenix and after that I finished at Hampton Institute with a B. S. Degree. I am now working at the Navy Yard in Portsmouth but come home every night. I am very much interested in school, I would like to become a doctor, so I think that I will further my education to this extent.

I have a sister who is finishing Hampton Institute this spring, my brother is an ex-student of Hampton Institute also, my father also is an ex-student of Hampton Institute, my mother has had some high school training, my parents are very anxious that their children receive all the education that they can.